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things about LB 662 is it sets out a goal which we would like to realize but does not commit us to realizing that goal beyond the \$90 million state sales tax increase that is provided for in Section 18. So I would urge you to oppose the Warner amendment. I think it is unnecessary. I think he is trying to cross bridges in 1985 that can be crossed in 1987 or 1988 if it is appropriate to cross them at that time. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: On behalf of Senator Lundy, the Chair announces that he has 30 guests in the north balcony. They are fourth grade students from Pleasanton in Buffalo County, Pleasanton School, accompanied by Shirley Lammers. We welcome you to the Legislature and if you will stand, we would like to recognize you. Also while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign the Final Reading bills of today, LB 272, 272A, 508, 368, 705, 209, 209A, 253, and 253A. The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose the Warner amendment as well. On your desks you have a handout that I just provided to you that indicates that if we, as the bill says, want to go to no more than 45 percent from the property taxes, it wouldn't take any more than or much more than the \$95 million that 505 talks about to get very close to that figure this year. Now admittedly there is an assuming, on the handout, of an additional cost each year, one of them at 7 percent, one of them at 8.28 percent increase. With the economy the way it is, I would suggest to you that there may not be much of an increase in the operational costs of our school districts simply because we will not have the funds either from the property tax or the state sources to provide those increases. The other thing that I would like to point out to you very briefly is that in the bill itself, Section 17, the language of the bill says that from the time of passage of this legislative bill the Legislature shall begin the process necessary to accomplish the above stated goals. It does not tie our hands. It does not say that we cannot in 1987 do whatever is necessary to meet that goal. I don't think we need to make that choice today. None of us can project exactly what the economy is going to be doing at that point in time and I recognize the wisdom of Senator Warner. I recognize the fact that he understands this process as much as anybody but I would also suggest that Senator Warner cannot project the